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**MAIL STOP PCT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Ernst ESSWEIN et al.  
**"VALVE SEAT RINGS MADE OF BASIC CO OR CO/MO  
ALLOYS, AND PRODUCTION THEREOF"**  
Our Ref.: 3926.237  
Customer Number: 30448

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- X this express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- X a German Language International Application with European Search Report
- X an English (translation of the) International Application.
- an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments.
- English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and German language IPER.
- an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- X One (1) sheet of formal drawings.
- X Preliminary Amendment.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

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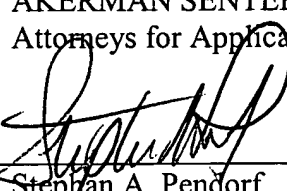
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Priority is claimed from July 30, 2003 based on German Application No. 103 34 703.8.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing cover letter including the German Language International Application with European Search Report, English Language translation, payment of fee and a stamped receipt postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10, with sufficient postage, on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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